

1 August 2019

Information Letter 04/2019

To: Board Level and Day to Day contacts of Water and Sewerage Companies and Water Companies in England and Wales

Dear Sir/Madam

Drinking Water Inspectorate Risk Management Approval Scheme (DWIRMAS)

1. Purpose

1.1. The purpose of this letter is to notify companies¹ of the launch of the above Scheme.

2. The Scheme

2.1. The Scheme has been jointly developed by the Inspectorate, Lloyd's Register and in consultation with water companies.

2.2. The Memorandum of Understanding between the Inspectorate and Lloyd's Register can be found on the Inspectorate's website
http://www.dwi.gov.uk/about/working-with-others/MoU_Lloyds_Register.pdf.

2.3. Approval under the Scheme, facilitates the variation of sampling frequencies associated with the regulatory sampling programme, which was introduced by regulation 9 of the Water Supply (Water Quality) (Amendment) Regulations 2018.

3. How to Apply

3.1. The Guidance document which details the requirements needing to be satisfied for approval under the Scheme, and the application form can be found on the Lloyd's Register website at <https://www.lr.org/en-gb/dwirmas/>. An uncontrolled copy of the Guidance document is being sent along with this letter.

¹ This term refers to water undertakers and water supply licensees.

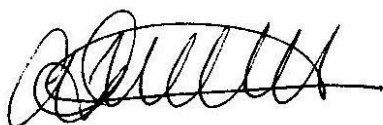
4. Enquiries

4.1. Any enquiries regarding this letter should be made to Martin Bird by email to Martin.Bird@defra.gov.uk .

Copies of this letter are being sent to Michael Roberts, Chief Executive, Water UK; Jan Dixon and Kirstin Green, Deputy Directors Water Quality, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Eifiona Williams, Water Management Team, Welsh Government; Sue Petch, Drinking Water Quality Regulator for Scotland; Catriona Davis, Drinking Water Inspectorate for Northern Ireland; Tony Smith and Chairs of the Regional Consumer Council for Water; Alison Cullen and Thomas Lowe, Ofwat; Paul Hickey, Environment Agency; Benedict Duncan, Food Standards Agency; and Stephen Robjohns at Public Health England.

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Yours faithfully



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